

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW – Launching of Baswatharakam Mother Kit to reduce the maternal morbidity among postnatal women delivering in Government Institutions - Orders - Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.261

Dated:30-03-2017

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ORDER:

In the state of Andhra Pradesh total 8 lakhs deliveries taken place per year. Out of which 4.5 lakhs deliveries are expected to happen in the Government facilities. To reduce the morbidity and mortality among the newborns, the Government is presently providing a NTR Baby kit to the mothers who have delivered in the Government facilities.

2. Government is hereby launch “Baswatharakam Mother Kit” programme to reduce the Maternal morbidity and in the post-natal period and encourage breast feeding, a Mother kit shall be provided with the following items:

1. Nursing covers (2): this ensures privacy to the mother while breast feeding the baby either at the hospital or at home. This will promote 100% breast feeding and prevent inhibitions in breast feeding in public places and during travel.
2. Sanitary napkins (6 packets): Post-delivery bleeding and discharge of lochia occurs usually for a period of three weeks. Reproductive tract infections due to unsafe sanitary practices is common in the postnatal period. Hence six packets of sanitary napkins shall be provided to the postnatal mother for hygiene during this period.
3. Scarf (2): Mothers cover their ears with scarves postnatally to keep themselves warm and protect themselves against Facial nerve palsy which may occur due to exposure to cold drafts.
4. Blanket (1): Current practice is to room-in the newborns along with the mother. One blanket is provide for both the mother and the baby to keep warm.
5. Thermos flask (1): It is advisable that the mother consumes boiled water only during the postnatal period to avoid gastro intestinal infections. Constipation is quite common in the postnatal period due to pain of sutures, hormonal changes and oral iron supplements. Constipation causes cramps and may lead to hemorrhoids. Drinking of warm water helps in avoiding constipation.

3. The cost of the items of the Baswatharakam Mother kit is as follows:

Sl.No.	Item	Unit cost (in INR)	Cost (in INR)
1	Nursing covers (2)	50	100
2	Sanitary napkins (6 packets)	20	120
3	Scarf (2)	75	150
4	Blanket (1)	180	180
5	Thermo flask (steel)	250	250
Total			800

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4. To provide Baswatharakam Mother kit to all the pregnant women who deliver in Government hospitals, the expected cost will be around 36 Crs per year at the rate of Rs.800 per kit.
5. The above expenditure shall be met from the funds of Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.
6. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, A.P. Vijayawada, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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